

April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

YEAR 4 SUMMER TOPICS

ENGLISH

This term the children will be provided with opportunities to write in a variety of styles, both narrative and non-narrative, including writing an opening for a quest story. These activities will develop the children's knowledge of text type and organisation, grammar, vocabulary and spelling rules. The children will also take part in reading activities every day.

MATHS

Pupils will be involved in a one-hour daily Maths lesson, which will include a mental warm up activity, followed by a main teaching activity and a plenary session. Our main topics are:

- The four operations
- Solving problems involving all four mathematical operations.

We will continue to focus heavily on times tables knowledge, so practising at home is essential!

SCIENCE

Our topic for this half term is Animals including Humans. We will be looking at teeth, the digestive system and food chains. Next half term, we will investigate living things and their habitats. We will look at how scientists classify living things and how environments can change and the effects of this. They will also look at the lifecycles of humans and animals.

HISTORY

In History, we will be studying Crime and Punishment throughout the ages and the law- making process throughout history, up to the present day.

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography next half term, we will be studying Rivers and the Water Cycle. We will be learning about the water cycle and how people interact with rivers as well as their geographical features.

RE

The children will be looking at a variety of religions through the term, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Christianity, focusing on how we can: benefit from listening to others, show that other people matter, recognise our own and other people's identity and show belonging.

ART

Our artwork this term will be linked to our History topic where we will explore the artwork linked to the Highway Man. We will be creating silhouettes and washes.

COMPUTING

This term we will be looking at composing our own music. We will be using the 2Simple program to create different rhythms and music for different purposes.

PE

This half term Year 4 will be learning to play Tennis. The children will learn to develop their catching, throwing and batting skills whilst focussing on their footwork.

FRENCH

This half term children will be learning about their family. They will develop their skills on naming the different family members, household items and the alphabet.

PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education)

Next half term we will be focussing on core themes such as Health and Well Being with an emphasis on keeping safe. Children will look at how to stay safe online as well as how to keep ourselves healthy and look after our bodies.

MUSIC

This term children will have a specialist Music teacher to teach them a variety of music skills. 4A and 4B will understand how a woodwind instrument is used; 4C will learn about a brass instrument.

Home-School Partnership

Thank you for supporting the Home-School Partnership at Severne.

We appreciate your support, ensuring that your child completes the following homework:

English:

- **Homework is given out each Friday, to be returned the following Tuesday.**
- Children should be reading for 20 minutes each day. Reading Diaries should be signed to evidence this for when they are collected in on Friday.

Maths

- Children need to be practicing their times tables using 'Timetables Rockstars', preparing for the end of Year 4 times table test.
- **Homework is given out each Tuesday, to be returned each Friday.**

Homework tasks are given related to learning in class, or to recap key skills.

Yours sincerely,

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